

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

With entry of this amendment, claims 1-2, 5-10, 12-13, 22-23, and 28 are canceled. Claims 15, 18 and 19 are amended. Claims 15, 17-21, and 24-28 are pending.

II. Support for the amendments

Support for the amendments can be found in the specification, drawings and originally-filed claims. For example, support for the amendment can be found on, e.g., page 9, second full paragraph, page 13, lines 17-26 and original claim 1. No new matter is introduced by the present amendment.

III. Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful interview on June 28, 2004. Scope of the claims was discussed and allowable subject matter was agreed upon.

IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18 and 20-28 as allegedly not enabled and lacking written description. It is Applicants' understanding in view of the interview that, as amended, the claims are allowable over these rejections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

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Amdt. dated June 29, 2004
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
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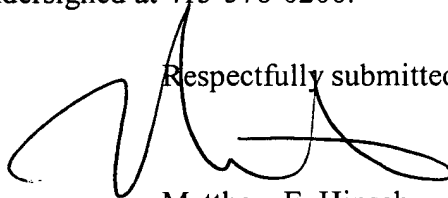
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew E. Hinsch', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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